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SUBJ: PAPANDREOU ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF "PANHELLENIC
SOCIALIST MOVEMENT"

1. SUMMARY: ANDREAS PAPANDREOU ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 3
FORMATION OF NEW POLITICAL MOVEMENT, THE PANHELLENIC
SOCIALIST MOVEMENT. AGAINST BACKDROP OF ARGUMENT THAT
GREECE'S PAST SEVEN YEARS CONSTITUTED "PARTICULARLY HARSH
EXPRESSION OF GREECE'S DEPENDENCE ON THE IMPERIALIST
ESTABLISHMENT OF US AND NATO," PAPANDREOU DEFINED MAJOR
GOALS OF NEW MOVEMENT AS NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, POPULAR
SOVEREIGNTY, SOCIAL LIBERATION AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES.
TO MEET GOALS, PAPANDREOU STRESSED NEED INTER ALIA FOR
PUNISHMENT OF "JUNTA TORTURERS," CLEANSING OF STATE
ADMINISTRATION, AND SUBJECTION OF ARMED FORCES AND SECURITY
POLICE TO EFFECTIVE CONTROL BY POLITICAL LEADERSHIP.
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GOALS OF MOVEMENT REFLECT PURISTIC
BRAND SOCIALISM INCLUDING ABOLITION PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND
CLINICS, CONTROL PRODUCTIVE UNITS OF ECONOMY BY EMPLOYEES,
SOCIALIZATION OF CREDIT SYTEM, FORMING OF COOPERATIVES IN
AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL MILITARY,
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POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ALLIANCES UNDERMINING NATIONAL

INDEPENDENCE. SEPTEMBER 4 PRESS TREATS STORY PROMINENTLY WITH EMPHASIS GIVEN TO EXTREME SOCIALIST CONTENT OF MOVEMENT AND PAPANDREOU CALL FOR CLEANSING OF STATE MACHINERY BEFORE ELECTIONS, WITH VRADYNI (REPUTED SPOKESMAN OF PM KARAMANLIS) HEADLINING THAT ANDREAS NOW SUBJECT TO ATTACKS FROM BOTH CENTER AND FAR LEFT AS RESULT EXTREME SOCIALISM OF PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. AT SEPTEMBER 3 PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN DOWNTOWN ATHENS HOTEL, ANDREAS PAPANDREOU, FORMER CU MINISTER (1964-65) AND EXILED RESISTANCE LEADER (1968-74) ANNOUNCED FORMATION NEW POLITICAL MOVEMENT, I.E. "PANHELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT." PAPANDREOU EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS MOVEMENT, "WITH THE BROAD PARTICIPATION OF THE PEOPLE" WILL BECOME VANGUARD FOR THE SHAPING OF A TRUE POLITICAL MOVEMENT WHICH, "FAR FROM THE TRADITIONAL POLITICAL FORMATIONS AND PROCESSES OF THE PAST", WILL CONSTITUTE AN ORGANIZATIONAL AGENT GIVING EXPRESSION TO THE WILL AND THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AIMS OF THE PEOPLE."

3. IN PREPARED STATEMENT DELIVERED AT PRESS CONFERENCE, PAPANDREOU (WHO RETURNED TO GREECE ON AUGUST 16) FREQUENTLY ATTACKED USG AND NATO AS FORCES OF REPRESSION AND IMPERIALISM. HE ASSERTED THAT GREECE HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO "AN ADVANCE NUCLEAR GUARD POST OF PENTAGON" SO THAT MILITARY AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF ITS MONOPOLIES COULD BE BETTER SERVED. SUBSEQUENTLY HE ARGUED THAT CYPRUS COUP EXECUTED WITH GOAL OF PARTITION AND DESTRUCTION OF CYPRIOT INDEPENDENCE SO THAT A NEW US AND NATO MILITARY OUTPOST COULD BE ESTABLISHED IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. PAPANDREOU'S STATED CONVICTION--AGAINST THIS EMOTION-LADEN BACKDROP-- IS THAT GREECE MUST WITHDRAW NOT ONLY FROM MILITARY ARM OF NATO BUT ALSO FROM ITS POLITICAL ARM AND THAT ALL BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WHICH HAVE ALLOWED PENTAGON TO TURN GREECE INTO OUTPOST FOR ITS EXPANSIONIST POLICIES MUST BE NULLIFIED.

4. TURNING TO SPECIFICS OF NEWLY FORMULATED POLITICAL MOVEMENT, PAPANDREOU ENUNCIATED ITS PRINCIPAL GOAL WAS NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PEOPLE, SOCIAL

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LIBERATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THESE GOALS WILL NOT BE MET UNLESS OTHER CONDITIONS MET, CHIEF AMONG WHICH ARE (A) PUNISHMENT OF JUNTA TORTURERS AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR "TREACHERY OF CYPRUS" (B) CLEANSING OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATION (C) GUARANTEED RETURN OF POLITICAL REFUGEES AND RESTORATION OF VICTIMS OF DICTATORSHIP AND (D) SUBJECTION OF ARMED FORCES AND SECURITY SERVICES TO SERVICE OF PEOPLE AND THEIR

EFFECTIVE CONTROL BY POLITICAL LEADERSHIP. IN ADDITION TO GENERAL GOALS, PAPANDREOU ENUMERATED OTHER SPECIFIC GOALS THAT MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ESTABLISHMENT OF "A TRUE, MONARCHY-FREE, REGENERATED AND SOCIALIST GREEK DEMOCRACY," E.G. (A) GREECE MUST WITHDRAW FROM MILITARY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ALLIANCES (I.E. NATO AND EEC) WHICH UNDERMINE ITS NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND (B) IT MUST FOLLOW AN ACTIVE INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY ARGUING INTER ALIA FOR ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN MEDITERRANEAN AND BALKANS, THE NEUTRALIZATION OF MEDITERRANEAN FROM MILITARY ALLIANCES AND TIGHTENING OF ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH PEOPLES OF WHOLE OF EUROPE.

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5. PAPANDREOU THEN ASSERTED THAT SOCIAL LIBERATION OF GREEK PEOPLE REQUIRES CONCOMITANT SOCIALIST TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETY AND THAT FOR ATTAINMENT THIS GOAL THERE IS NEEDED (A) SOCIALIZATION OF CREDIT SYSTEM IN TOTALITY--BOTH IN RELATION TO BASIC UNITS OF PRODUCTION AND SUCH AREAS AS IMPORT-EXPORT SECTOR (B) SYSTEMATIC ENROLLMENT OF AGRICULTURAL UNITS IN COOPERATIVES OF A "NEW TYPE" (C) REGIONALLY DECENTRALIZED SOCIAL PLANNING OF ECONOMY COMBINED WITH CONTROL OF PRODUCTIVE UNITS BY EMPLOYEES AND BY SUITABLE SOCIAL AGENCIES (E.G. THE STATE, REGION, MUNICIPALITY OR

COMMUNITY) (D) CLOSING OF GAP BETWEEN LOWEST AND HIGHEST INCOMES (E) ABOLITION OF PRIVATE EDUCATION AND ASSURANCE OF FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION FOR ALL CITIZENS (F) SOCIALIZATION OF HEALTH, INCLUDING ABOLITION OF PRIVATE CLINICS AND GRANTING OF FREE MEDICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL AND HOSPITAL TREATMENT TO ALL CITIZENS.

6. PAPANDREOU ASSERTED THAT PANHELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE BASED ON "GENUINE DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES" AND THAT DURING FIRST PHASE A TEMPORARY CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL BE ASSEMBLED FOR PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THE ORGANIZATION THROUGHOUT "GRASS ROOTS".
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ONCE THIS PROCESS COMPLETED, REGIONAL AND DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES WILL BE FORMED LEADING ULTIMATELY TO THE FORMATION OF A PANHELLENIC ASSEMBLY OF THE PANHELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT WHICH WILL CONSTITUTE THE UPPER GOVERNING BODY. THIS BODY'S DECISIONS WILL BE BINDING ON ALL LEVELS OF HIERARCHY AND IT WILL ALSO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ELECTING MOVEMENT'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

7. PRESS OF SEPTEMBER 4 GAVE PROMINENT PLACE TO PAPANDREOU'S ANNOUNCEMENTS GIVING SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO HIS CALL FOR CLEANSING OF STATE MACHINERY BEFORE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS. MOST PAPERS TOOK SPECIAL NOTE OF EXTREME SOCIALIST CONTENT OF MOVEMENT. VRADYNI IN PARTICULAR GAVE SPECIAL PLAY TO EXTREME SOCIALIST ORIENTATION OF MOVEMENT AND SUGGESTED THAT BECAUSE OF IT ANDREAS WILL BE ATTACKED BY BOTH CENTER AND FAR LEFT. NEWS ACCOUNTS SEEM TO AGREE THAT ONLY FOUR FORMER CU DEPUTIES ATTENDED PRESS CONFERENCE, WITH SOME REMEMBERING THAT AT AUGUST 24 MEETING CALLED BY PAPANDREOU MORE THAN TWENTY FORMER CU DEPUTIES SHOWED UP (ATHENS 6142). PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT ON SAME DAY AS PAPANDREOU ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW POLITICAL MOVEMENT, A DEPUTATION REPRESENTING CU DEPUTIES FROM NORTHERN GREECE AND THESSALY MET WITH GEORGE MAVROS AND JOHN ZIGIDS TO DISCUSS "IMMEDIATE REACTIVATION OF CU AND THE UNIFICATION OF ALL DEMOCRATIC, PROGRESSIVE AND RESISTANCE FORCES IN A UNITED POLITICAL PARTY."

8. COMMENT: PAPANDREOU'S STATEMENT SEEMS TO CONSTITUTE HIS PERSONAL BREAK WITH CU COMBINED WITH AN INVITATION TO FORMER MEMBERS THAT PARTY'S LEFT WING TO JOIN FORCES WITH HIM. PAPANDREOU'S DECLARATION PROBABLY VIEWED WITH APPREHENSION NOT ONLY BY CU BUT ALSO BY GREECE'S ALREADY BADLY SPLIT COMMUNIST PARTY (KKE) WHO UNDERSTANDABLY MIGHT VIEW ANDREAS AS "COMPETITIVE FLY IN LEFTIST OINTMENT" IN EVENT KKE IS LEGALIZED AND ENTERS ELECTORAL LISTS. WITH SPECULATION ALREADY RIFE AS TO

INTENT OF PM CARAMANLIS REGARDING STRUCTURE HIS OWN
PARTY--INCLUDING ALLEGED DESIRE TO BROADEN ITS BASE TO
INCLUDE FORMER CU ADHERENTS--FINAL DESIGN OF PARTY MOLDS INTO
WHICH CURRENT POLITICAL STREAMS WILL JELL NOT YET CLEARLY
DISCERNABLE.
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ONE PARTICULARLY WORRISOME ELEMENT OF A BROADER NATURE
IS ANDREAS' CALL FOR GREECE'S DISASSOCIATION FROM BOTH
NATO AND THEEEEC- A CLEAVAGE WHICH WOULD BOTH EFFECTIVELY
ISOLATE IT FROM THE SALUTARY EFFECTS OF WESTERN
PARTNERSHIP AND MAKE IT A "FAIR GAME" CANDIDATE FOR
ENTRY INTO EITHER THIRD WORLD OR SOVIET ORBITS. FURTHER
ANALYSIS TO FOLLOW. STEARNS

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